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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer No.20277

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Confirmation No.: 3964

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Group Art Unit: 3742

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Examiner: QUANG T. VAN

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND CONTROL METHOD

## **ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Mail Stop Amendment Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 21, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct Groups and *Species*:

Group I - Claims 1-8, drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group II - Claims 9-11, drawn to a control method in an

induction heating apparatus.

The Examiner further restricts the application into the following Species:

Species I Figures 1-2; Species II Figure 3-4; Species IV Figure 5-6; Species IV Figure 7-8;

Species V Figures 9-10;

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Figures 16-17; and Species VI Species VII Figures 17-18.

Applicants elect without traverse, Group I and Species I (Figures 1-2) - with claims 1-3 readable thereon, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the nonelected claims, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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